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Letter dated 25 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the communiqué issued following the joint meeting of ministers and heads of delegation of ECCAS and the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa, held on 23 October 2002 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this text distributed as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 22 (e) and 67 (c).

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Annex to the letter dated 25 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Communiqué issued following the joint meeting of ministers and heads of delegation of the States members of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa

New York, 23 October 2002

1. The ministers and heads of delegation of Central Africa who were present in New York during the public meeting of the Security Council on the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations system and Central Africa in the maintenance of peace and security, organized on the initiative and under the chairmanship of Cameroon, met on 23 October 2002 within the framework of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa.

2. The ministers and heads of delegation paid tribute to the Republic of Cameroon for its initiative and for its interest in matters concerning the maintenance of peace and security in Central Africa.

3. They carried out a thoroughgoing review of the geo-political and security situation in the subregion.

4. They welcomed the positive changes that had taken place in the subregion. In that context, they reaffirmed their commitment to finalizing the ongoing peace processes and making every effort to consolidate the peace.

5. The ministers welcomed the debates in the Security Council on Central Africa, which had allowed for an exchange of constructive views on the situation of the subregion with respect to peace, security and economic integration.

6. They noted with great interest the comments and recommendations made during the debate. They expressed special appreciation for the commitments offered by the members of the Security Council and the various multilateral and bilateral partners to help Central Africa strengthen its capacities for the maintenance of peace and security and for reconstruction.

7. On behalf of their Governments, they undertook to implement the conclusions of the debates, in particular by strengthening all existing mechanisms for preventive diplomacy and ensuring collective security.

8. They reaffirmed their faith in a united, collectively supportive, strong and prosperous Central Africa and their desire to make the subregion an essential link in African integration.

9. The ministers and heads of delegation agreed to carry out a review, at the nineteenth ministerial meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee, to be held in Bangui in 2003, of the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations resulting from the Security Council debate.